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SUBJECT: CORN RESIDUES

REF: BONN 1075

1. BEGIN SUMMARY - ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DISCUSSED WITH MR. KLEIN OF THE IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY, FRANKFURT, THE LATEST BRUSSELS DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CORN OIL RESIDUES. ACCORDING TO KLEIN, THE COMMISSION, IN A MEETING ON MARCH 20, PROPOSED A SEPARATION OF EXPELLER AND EXTRACTED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS WITH SEPARATE FAT, STARCH AND PROTEIN LIMITS FOR EACH. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE PORPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: A WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO BONN 1075 WHICH REPORTED KLEIN' S INTEREST IN US ATTITUDES REGARDING COUNTRY OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATION; ALSO WASHINGTON VIEWS REGARDING THIS LATEST COMMISION FLYER. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO KLEIN, THE COMMISSION' S NEW PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM CONTENTS FOR EXPELLER AND EXTRACTED MATERIALS AS FOLLOWS: EXPELLER; 8 PERCENT APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCETN STARCH AND 14-14.5 PERCENT PROTEIN; EXTRACTED; 3 PERCENT FAT, 45 PERCENT STARCH AND 11.5 PERCENT PROTEIN. KLEIN STATED THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS
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NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBER COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES; ALSO THAT MORE REPRESENTATIVES SHOWED RELATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST IN THE MATTER.

OPPOSITION WAS PRINCIPALLY FROM HOLLAND WHICH, ACCORDING TO KLEIN, IS IMPORTING MOST OF THE US PRODUCT. DUTCH OPPOSITION WAS REPORTEDLY BASED PRIMARILY ON THE DIFFICULTY OF RECOGNITION OF PRODUCTS AND ALSO THE CONTENTION THAT 40 PERCENT MAXIMUM STARCH WOULD BE TOO LITTLE FOR EXPELLER PRODUCT.

4. KLEIN STATED THAT MR. PLUM, REPRESENTING LAUHOFF GRAIN, IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT HIM ON MARCH 31 IN FRANKFURT REGARDING THIS SUBJECT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT - IN A DISCUSSION LAST WEEK WITH THE PRICIPAL HAMBURG IMPORTER OF THESE PRODUCTS, HE STATED THAT GERMAN IMPORTS WERE VERY SMALL, BUT THAT NO DIFFICULTIES WERE BEING ENCOUNTERED. HOWEVER, KLEIN INFORMED US THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, A SHIPMENT CONSIGNED

TO THE HAMBURG IMPORTED, BUT WHICH ARRIVED IN BREMEN, WAS BEING SPOT- CHECKED BY CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PRESENT EC TOLERANCES.
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